The Shakerite

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Alumni Bolster Service Forces In War Crisis

This country's entrance into the war last week found numerous Shaker alumni enlisted in the armed forces of the United States.

Three graduates were stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japan attacked that great naval base. They were Major George Gentle, '35; Ensign William Walker, '35; John Renfro, '32; and Bob Crawford, '39. John Kojan, '36, was an army radio operator who is now in England.

The Navy Department has announced that Ensign David Jackson, '34, was lost in action aboard the U. S. S. Utah.

The vast majority of the alumni are in the army, 15 of these in the Army Air Corps. Five are in the Navy, an equal number in the Marine Corps, while four are in the Coast Guard Service. Sixty-five are known to be serving their country. Following is a list of these men:

In the army are: Jack Barkley, Walter Boughton, Fred Brandt, William Brooks, Sgt. Donald Campbell, Charles Carmany, Capt. Kenneth Cool, Harvey Dick, Jim Drake,

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Shakerites Keep Abreast of News

In the recent Far-Eastern crisis Shaker students heard broadcasts of important events first-hand. P. A. announcements interrupted classes for several days as war news continued to issue from the loudspeakers.

This radio system, which is considered indispensable now, was won in 1938 by Morton Slobin, former editor of the *Shakerite*, in an international essay contest.

Our defense lecture course has also been designed to keep the students further informed of world affairs.

Donald Stone, with well-received informality and a diaper-brandishing approach, presented a discussion of First Aid and what high school students can do to help, last Monday. Reverend Arthur J. Culler of Heights Christian Church will stress the importance of "Health and Welfare Services" on January 6.

King Leads 12A's To Key Positions In School Activities

Chuck King is the first member of the 12A class to be president of Shaker in the last 10 years. Other offices held by 12A's are Bill Lister, Vice President; George Webster, Treasurer; and Myron Urdang, Business Manager.

The 12A's claim a large number of members on various athletic teams. Participating in basketball, are Captain Milt Fromson, Chuck King, Dick Laird, Vince Marotta, Bill Lister, Morty Gross, and Frank Zapalla. On the Wrestling team are Bill Paschal, Bernard Tobin, Dave Roth, and Ken Novak.

Grant Goodman, a 12A, is Associate Editor of the *Shakerite*.

The staff of the annual includes Jean Boughton, Art Editor, Herb Ascherman, Boy's Sports Editor, and Ruby Brown, Index Editor.

Although the 12B's, who traditionally hold the major offices, outnumber the senior A's by a three to one margin, the 12A's, this year, control the majority of important positions throughout the school.

Council Carnival Set for Feb. 13

The Shaker Senior High council elected Sally Finley, Ann Weisman, Chuck King, Ed Lewis, and Fritz Bowers on Dec. 3 to represent the student body of the All-Shaker Council.

The council also decided that the Open House would be held on Feb. 13. The date was originally set for Dec. 5, but was changed because of a conflict with the Shaker Players.

The idea of the All-Shaker Council was originated by R. B. Patin and was first put into operation this September.

A president will be elected soon, and according to the constitution he must be a member of the high school.

Faculty, Students Promise Reforms for New Year

Just as swing is to a jitterbug, water is to a swimming pool, and the ocean is to its shore, so are resolutions to New Year's!

With this in mind, Shaker's roving, rabble-rousing reporter has jotted down a few of the "I hereby highly resolve's" that may be heard to echo through these halls.

Leaving that old favorite, the diet, far behind, we come first to the girls in Willard Pederson's classes resolving to concentrate on English; while the big man himself vows that Shaker's basketball team will give "tit-for-tat" to all comers.

Prexy King promises that future Open House won't be fizzles, at least not complete ones, and classes pledge that they will laugh at teachers' jokes from now on.

After scanning the results of his latest "blitz," John Harbourt pledged to give longer and more difficult quizzes. After all, we can't allow more than 50 per cent to pass.

Comes the revolution—

Alumni Dance Dec. 23

The 12A's have completed plans for the annual Alumni dance to be held next Tuesday, December 23. Bill Porter and his orchestra will furnish the music, and invitations have been sent to all graduates of the last four years. The price is only 50 cents a couple.

Large Concert Crowd Pleases Evans, Band

"We had the best attendance in four years at our recent concert, and we were pleased to see so many more students than we expected," said Jack O. Evans, leader of the band. "The success of the concert was due to the efforts of the band members, the band boosters, and the Parents' Music Committee headed by Mrs. B. H. Broadbent. There were more than 400 tickets sold for the concert," he continued.

The band is trying to increase its membership and has invited students in the school to join. The band is practising for commencement, the spring concert, and the Lake Erie League Band Festival.

Choir Presents Annual Xmas Program Today

"Peace on earth, good-will to men"—the A Cappella Choir and tenth grade Glee Club will present their traditional Yuletide program this afternoon.

Highlight of this concert will be the singing of Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Lost Chord" by the combined choirs of over 100 voices. The choir and glee club will present several selections including two Bach choral numbers and a haunting Negro spiritual entitled, "Dark Waters."

At the close of the concert the school wil participate in the customary Christmas carol "sing" with several solos contributed by members of the choir. Francis Van Cleve will render "Cantique de Noel" by Adame.

The assembly will contain no patriotic songs but Reynold Ellis, choir director, said that such songs will probably be sung at all future assemblies. Mr. Ellis added, "I hope after this concert that the choir will have time to catch its breath. We've had a full schedule up to now."

Annual Sale Falls 200 Books Short

"The student body of this school is wishy-washy and willy-nilly regarding the sale of the *Gristmill*, and as far as I am concerned they don't deserve to have one," declared Al Ames, pounding his fist on the counter of the annual office.

"Although we extended the sale for two additional days, a total of only 550 books was sold. The book will have to be cut in size, and the people who put forth no effort to make the drive a success will be just the ones to kick," was his opinion.

"A folder containing photographs and material concerning the seniors is a plan we are giving serious consideration. The only other possibility is to extend the annual sale until next February which will give the new 10B's a chance to buy books."

John Shaker Pulls Curtain on 1941, Reviews Events on School Scene

The past 12 months have been epoch-making in the history of the world. We have seen the Axis overwhelm numerous small states, come to blows with the great Russian Bear, and recently engage Uncle Sam. Yes, we've been living history this year. But what's been happening at Shaker? What has John Shaker been doing?

I. C. C. Becomes Reality

Still in the customary post-vacation releapse last January, John Shaker learned of the final ratification of the I. C. C. constitution as 24 representatives elected Kenny Lynn general chairman, with $50 from Homer Horth to help the new infant along.

Then still somewhat under-the-weather, another relapse—exams his time. The 12A's said goodbye ith the new recording machine. ohn Shaker was hearing a lot out "Buenos Dias, Alumnos" as aker got in step with the hemi-here solidarity movement. Just ut then Jim Graham was ad-ating Shaker's withdrawal from Lake Erie League.

vidently John Shaker didn't care to bother with the terpsichore at noon, for dancing was discontinued for "lack of interest"—typical at Shaker, they said.

February now—John Shaker attended the A Cappella Recital . . . waved goodbye to Ken Lynn and Thalia Bell who were off to tell the world about his school at an educational conference back East. Came the first play festival—dramatically closed by the fainting of an Ashland actor. General John saluted the flag with his newly published book.

John Shaker didn't find much to cheer about in his basketball team's record . . . 1941, six losses, no wins, with Jerry Feinberg and Dick Uhlig standing out. The last of the Congressional Club "Basketballs" was over too. Detroit Cranbrook bested the Shaker fencers for their first loss in four years. The swordsmen went on to swamp their other opponents, however, and took charge of the city interscholastic title with Bob Jaster and Jim Graham doing well by themselves.

John Shaker's grapplers finished the season with three wins against two losses. Bob Spacek, Tom Denby and Dave Roth placed in the city meet.

John Shaker fed France to the tune of $265, then tried to decide between carpentry and nursing as the vocational courses occupied his time. The library added to his confusion . . . self-serve, you know.

Then March—John Shaker hears Paul Knight and Jack DeHamel "parlez-vous francais" at him in the French Play. He cheers Stub Webster for his appointment as assistant treasurer, and Dave Thrailkill for his election to head the senior A's.

"Death Takes a Holiday"

One-man swim team Bill Porter takes two firsts in the state meet and Dik Mills rolls a 240 game for the bowling club.

In April, John Shaker sees Jack Foley and June Harney give "Death" a thorough vacation. Campaign time . . . elections . . . John Shaker puts his money on Charley King, Bill Lister, and Fritz Bowers.

The first big I. C. C. affair . . . a dance after the carnival with Cal Dalton's swingsters. Then John Shaker discovers Ken Lynn is Freckles — no kiddin'.

John Shaker samples the ultra, ultra in "Second Hurricane" in May. Then the Band Concert. He elects Nancy Schuyler May Queen at the junior prom—and dreams the rest. John Shaker sees the P. T. A. honor Principal R. B. for 22 years of service.

His track team turns in creditable performances with Jim Speaker and Bob Spacek garnering most of the points, as the team takes a surprise fourth in the LEL meet.

Two hundred fifty-three seniors say their fond adieus in June . . . summer vacation. Probably John Shaker found a job . . . three short months, then school again.

September now—John Shaker buys a budget book—741 to be exact. . . . The big announcement comes. Mr. Fryer will attempt *Hamlet* with Jack Foley and Marilyn Sheperd holding the leads. Then John Shaker goes to the first I. C. C. dance this term . . . the "T. D. Stomp" with Cal Dalton again . . . this is getting to be a habit. Mr. Segner and Kay Mayers take over the *Gristmill* production.

John Shaker cheers his footballers on to resounding victories over Hay and Harbor with Vince Marotta scoring six touchdowns in the first two games . . . then came the rest of the season. . . .

John Shaker shows his stuff—Community Fund 100 per cent. All-Shaker Council rumored near. Then the council after-school dance—but John Shaker wasn't there—remember?

Pirates Invade Shaker

November coming up—Bill Dorer

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The Sane Side Of the War

Beware of war frenzy! The wars of today are still the pick-'em-up, knock-'em-down fights of cave man days. But they are also won by mental strength. Caesar and Napoleon were both small in stature, but keen strategists.

Hitler has succeeded in conquering the greater part of Europe through the blitz-krieg. The citizens of the United States will be subjected to a similar blitz if we allow incidents to continue such as have recently occurred in this school. Demonstrations of such patriotism do not reveal forethought. They are products of emotional hysteria and just plain ignorance.

The way to win this war is by having a unified front. Let's all pull together and preserve our freedom.—J. S.

Christmas, 1941

Christmas is singular in that at this time alone people become more concerned over others than themselves, and place the happiness and wishes of others over their own. This is what we call the "Christmas spirit," and though some retain it through all the year, most of us neglect to remember our good intentions.

Christmas symbolizes the birth of a new spirit and understanding in the heart and soul. It touches and warms us all, and at this time we forget our petty jealousies and worries.

But Christmas also means the union of that which may never unite on earth again. It means relatives who may know death before the next year; it means youth who will perhaps know maturity before the next year; it means brothers who will leave home and be branded by war before next year; it means a Christmas that will never be recaptured. A day that should be cherished; a day to commemorate what is and will never be again.—N. B.

Only the Wrestlers Know

Wrestling is a fine sport. Wrestling develops healthy boys and teaches clean living. Wrestling has its place at Shaker. BUT that place is not in the basement next to the Shakerite office or Mr. Segner's art room.

Any one who has come within 50 feet of a "grunt-artist" after a night's work-out will need no further explanation. For those of you who are innocent, see how close you can come to the grappler's den before reeling—gas masks would come in handy. If the government could spare a few, the *Shakerite* staff would readily accept the donation.

It's bad enough to have the matmen running back and forth through the hall (you'd be surprised how many reporters we lose that way) or to have that fragrant aroma permeate the basement, but when the team, oozing sweat, drops into our office and lounges about telling us how to run the paper—

'&%/' REALLY we're only kiddin'—Well, don't stand there—pick me up!! J. W.

My First War

By Catherine Mayers

Last week I heard war declared on Japan and then Italy and Germany. I've never felt so strange—a pounding hollowness inside of me and chills creeping over my arms. I thought of the boys I knew at Shaker not being able to go on to college; going to war and meeting death instead of college life. I thought of the boys I knew at colleges and that they would leave their schools to fight and kill.

When I thought of them going, I felt older. We always joked about war before, now, when it's so close, I felt mixed up because I don't know what it's like.

Sometimes when I read of the blood and torture of war, I wonder if there is a God.

Now I feel numb and bewildered. I can't imagine what bombs and shooting and war will be like so close to me. I don't think I'll know until someone I know has been killed.

Juke-Box Jive

By Bruce Narten

Goodman's and Shore's "I Got It Bad" Hits

Really swinging with two dirt-digging-ditties, Benny Goodman holds top honors again this week. The first, "Pound Ridge," is a low down jazz concoction with a superb beginning and beautiful licorice stick choruses all the way through. On the flipover side is a soothing Peggy Lee rendition of "I Got It Bad" which hardly compares with Dinah Shore's. (Col. 36421.) In the same groove with "Pound Ridge" is Benny's latest, "The Earl," a variegation in swing, in which the whole band does some truly salty jumping. Backing it is "Let's Do It" with Miss Lee warbling whimsically but in good taste. (Okeh 6474.) Good news for everybody—all of Goodman's discs from now on will be on Okeh!

Comparable with the famous "Yes, Indeed" is a shiny new Tommy Dorsey offering, "Swingin' on Nothin'." Mellow rockin' rhythm from the first to the final note, it embodies an effulgent vocalization on the part of Sy Oliver and Jo Stafford. No fondant fizzle, this, it'll knock you over with its solidness! The other side is also strong with a nicely interpreted "On the Alamo," an instrumental of no mean capacity. (Vic. 27578.)

In keeping with the Christmas spirit Glenn Miller has recorded that carol classic, "Jingle Bells." Tex Beneke, Ernie Caceres, and the Modernaires each take turns handling the lyrics, ending up one of the novelty hits of the season. The treatment in the first couple of bars is especially smooth and exceedingly clever. Alvino Rey pressed the other side, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," which has no special interest except to kindergarteners. (Bluebird 11353.)

Artie Shaw brings to the light two old tunes and giving them the Shavian manipulation turns out a splendid piece of work. "Rockin' Chair," the first, is a meatie piece of brilliant proportions, carried well in the string section, while "If I Love Again" is ever-so-slightly reminiscent of the good old days when Shaw's band played real swing that had a kick in it. (Vic. 27664.)

The Spirit of '42

By Chuck King

Once more we come to the joyous Christmas season with its yuletide spirit. The old year is on its way out and a new one will take its place. As we look down the last twelve months with their joys and sorrows, we stand amazed and wonder where they could have gone. June of 1941 seems more than six months ago; and yet when we try to comprehend what has happened to us since, we begin to realize after all that it was just yesterday.

Shaker has had a good year, thanks to all of you. We carried through all records in our budget campaign; and when our charitable side was appealed to by the Community Fund, we pulled up with another feather in the hat for Shaker. Our questionable football team started out the season with a bang and every game was packed full of thrills from September to November. The A Cappella staged one of its greatest performances a few weeks ago and folks still go around singing about the "poor wandering boy." Yes, sir, when one really stops to think, we have much to be thankful for here at Shaker.

When we come back to school in January, most of us will have vowed to turn over a new leaf. We will say, "Let's forget the past and dig our hands into the dirt from whence a rosy future will spring." More power to you and all your plans for the New Year, and may your Christmas be the happiest ever.

In Memoriam

To Ensign David Jackson, graduate of Shaker in 1934, who gave his life in the battle at Pearl Harbor. We who knew David remember him as a shy, quiet boy who took his place well in school and in our country's stand against the enemy.

SHAKEDOWNS

He-man **Aaron Brodie** causing much comment as he ran around school with only a shirt on over a bathing suit. In the dimmer lights it appeared as if he was—shall we say pantless—

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Talking about bathing suits, there was that Sharcs Club picture for the "Gristmill." You'd have thought there was a stampede the way the doors and halls near the auditorium were blocked.

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Well, finally. **Miss B. Hansell** is steadying with **Mr. B. Shisler.**

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George Geuder and **Jane Paryzek**—newly steadying. **Patty Dickey** and **Fritzie Groff** just dating.

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Ed Loomis—the reason **Judy Clauss** became a Scribbler member.

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Two STD's, both named **Patty,** with crushes on strong, silent man **Jim Speaker.** And senior B president, **Ed Lewis,** being followed like a rabbit by the hounds. We could mention names like **Kempsmith** or **Herrick,** but we don't want to be catty.

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Oh, thwarted love—**Dick Free** and **Ruth Geddes** have broken up.

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Richard Mills having his name officially changed to **"Dik"—spelled D-I-K.** For his public, you know.

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Freshman Fantasy

I wish I were a moment
In my mathematics class,
No matter how idle a moment is
It always seems to pass.

The Com-Mentor

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Thoughts of spring seem to be keeping **Jack Haflinger** out late these nights. Result is three-eighth periods for sleeping in study hall.

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FLASH!!! **Helen Wensley** wearing **Hal Centini's Kappa** pin. We decline to make comment.

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DAFFYNITIONS

Unaware: Garments worn next to the body.

Hymns: Possessive form of the masculine pronoun, "he."

Niece: Joints of the leg.

Enamel: Any vertebrate creature living on land.

Margin: Type of pedal advancement as, "We're margin through Georgia."

Sue: Place where wild animals are kept on display.

Ship: A wool-bearing animal.

Creek: Nationality of restaurant proprietors.

Mandate: Girl's meal ticket for the evening.

Sloop: First course in a dinner.

—Mis A Sip

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Hands

By Lois Trebing

Her hands are little and dimpled and plump.
They bounce balls and pick up jacks.
They clutch pencils and crayons and care for ailing dolls.
For she is just six.

His hands are fine and sensitive.
They create beauty and enjoyment.
They mix pigment and oil and paint bold, bright colors.
For he is an artist.

Her fingers are long and white and strong.
They smooth fevered heads and straighten sheets.
They hold little babies and the feeble hands of the aged.
For she is a nurse.

His hands are broad and brown and sturdy.
They plant food for the world.
They tend the livestock and harvest grain.
For he is a farmer.

We Congratulate

General John was completely surrounded and hidden by a group of babbling students trying as hard as he could to answer all of their questions. When he emerged he was discovered to be tall with blond hair, big gray eyes, and glasses.

John Harbourt was born in a little town along the banks of the Ohio which has since been swept away by floods. He attended grammar school and high school in Ashtabula and received degrees at Ohio State University and the University of Chicago and is now completing work at the University of Michigan.

The General's unique nickname was originated by two of his former pupils who were children of his comrades in the last war. The name seemed so appropriate that it has stuck to him ever since.

Mr. Harbourt is married and has a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter. "I plan to retire as soon as I get a class in which nobody flunks any of the tests. Then I shall fulfill my lifelong ambition of running a giant apartment house boiler. They fascinate me."

We congratulate John Harbourt for his amazing fund of knowledge, his humor, his vitality and his blitzes.

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Seated at her desk, smart, and well-groomed, Miss Hollon greeted me cordially as I borrowed a few moments from her busy schedule in order to interview her.

In response to my first question as to whether she had always wanted to be a teacher, I received the immediate and emphatic answer, "Yes indeed, I've always wanted to be one, except perhaps for a small period of time when as the aftermath of a church lecture, I wanted to be a missionary."

Even as a young child she rounded up all the other kids in the neighborhood and taught them lessons. And on the occasions when pupils were scarce, she resorted to instructing her dolls in the three R's.

The first real teaching job she had was at a small country school. She taught all eight grades at once in one room, and to top it off, the school-house was four miles from her home. Each day she hopped on her bicycle, books and lunch in hand, and traversed the eight miles back and forth, except in winter when she boarded nearby.

Matmen Defeat Rhodes, Nosed Out by Adams

Shaker's strongmen raised the curtain on the wrestling season in a blaze of glory by whipping a good Rhodes team 31 to 15. On the following Thursday the Troyanmen lost a heartbreaking decision to the grapplers from John Adams, 21 to 19. The battle against Adams was anyone's victory until the final match was over.

The nucleus of this year's squad include Captain Bernard Tobin, 155 pounder who has chalked up two pins in his first two meets; Dave Roth, rugged 145 pounder, who last year was ranked third in the city, and at this writing has won all of his matches by decisions; Iggy Russo, who packs 115 pounds of dynamite, has pinned his opponents' shoulders to the mat in both of his encounters; and Bill Paschal aggressive 140 pounder, is the owner of two decisions.

An injured shoulder has kept letterman Mike Gallitte out of action so far this season, but his injury is now a little better and his return to the mat should strengthen Shaker's team.

The surprise of the mat season is Bud Manheim who tips the scales at 165 pounds. Bud is in his first year of wrestling and although he lacks experience he has a fall and a decision to his credit.

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Last Half Spree Smashes Reserves

After controlling the whole first half, the Shaker Heights Reserves faltered in the closing minutes to lose to a fighting Lorain quintet, 39-32, last Friday night, December 12, in the Lorain gym. During the first part of the game Shaker dominated the play, and the half ended with the Reserves holding a comfortable lead over their West Side opponents with a score of 23-10.

But the last half was a complete reversal of the first half, from the beginning tip-off the "Steelmen" of Lorain got to work both offensively and defensively and outplayed the tiring Shaker boys. An example of the outstanding attack used by Lorain was that in the entire third quarter the Shaker "Raiders" scored but one point. The game ended with Shaker striving to overcome the lead Lorain piled up in the third quarter.

High point man for Shaker was Ed Benes, a forward who tallied three goals and three foul throws for a total of nine points. His opponent for the evening's scoring honors was James of Lorain who scored the same number of points.

In their game here with Berea, two weeks ago, the Reserves lost to the Berea Reserves, 35-23. The game was much more interesting than the score indicates, with Shaker putting up a good fight.

SHAKER	G	F	T		LORAIN	G	F	T
Sternad	2	0	4	R F.	Campana	4	0	8
Longo	2	1	5	L F.	James	2	5	9
Johnson	1	1	3	C.	Stipe	2	1	5
Stewart	2	1	5	R G	Col'mb'ro	4	0	8
Day	1	1	3	R F	Krontz	1	0	2
Enright	0	1	1	F.	Mafer	0	0	0
Benes	3	3	9	F	Stevenson	1	0	2
Freed	0	1	1	C.	Dickson	2	1	5
Hays,	0	1	1	G.				

Sportsputter

By Warren Glauber

From the earliest times, men have engaged in various forms of highly organized play activity. Athletic contests whether for amusement and recreation or as a means of training for the serious pursuits of life have always been highly valued.

Today more than ever before, sports are of foremost importance and are an actual part of national defense.

Our army must be as rigidly conditioned as our football teams. The nucleous of our defense rests in alert, strong, highly developed individuals who will stand up under the most strenuous conditions. We Americans are under obligation to devote our hours of play to more serious conditioning so that we may be in first class mental and physical health.

Already several colleges of the country have announced the abandonment of their major sports, mainly football. Even if they have the material to continue putting teams on the field, they will be unable to carry forth their program if the assembling of large crowds is forbidden. Perhaps the high school games will be similarly threatened.

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2—Rams	13	8	.619	3
3—All-Stars	12	9	.571	4
4—Alley Cats	11	10	.524	5
5—Supermen	11	10	.524	5
6—Bombers	10	11	.476	6
7—Rinki Dinks	8	13	.381	8
8—Hoosiers	3	18	.143	13

Highest Games—
Ames 239 Boynton 233
Highest Series—
Ames 655 Boynton 586
Highest Average—
Ames 183 Boynton 173

Feminine Sportlights

By Ruth Ammerman

Thanks to Lois Wuliger, from Wittenberg College, for some capable substitution during Mrs. Lommen's recent absence.

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The honorary varsity volleyball team, with members chosen from four rival teams, consists of the following members: **Mary Dittoe, Betty Raney, Charlotte Wills, Marguerite White, Bertha Laborde, Joyce Clark, Ellen Lybarger,** and **Betsy Milligan.**

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The juniors have outsmarted the seniors and sophomores at the interclass swimming meet by a large margin. A new record in the 100-yard crawl has been set by **Betty Raney,** a junior, with a 1:16 timing. Congratulations!

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We wonder why . . . the band members appreciated the Sharcs' tank suit attire for their Gristmill picture . . **Virginia Royan** doesn't get her own gym lock and avoid eighth periods . . . there isn't a girls' swimming team open for school competition (we have the material).

18 Varsity Men Receive Awards

Shaker's 1941 gridders held their annual post-season banquet at Pryor's Restaurant on Tuesday, December 2. The program was featured by the appearance of Carl Brubaker, former Shaker football coach and present local collegiate referee. Varsity letters were presented to 18 varsity players, 14 of then seniors. After a hefty meal of roast beef, Mr. Brubaker delivered a short address; and movies of college football games were shown.

Ted Goldstein, Vince Marotta, Ike Kovanda, Bill Lister, Chuck King, Jim Speaker, and Ed Loomis received gold footballs as special two-year awards. Others receiving letters were these seniors: Ed Lewis, Dave Roth, Jerry Barocas, Ken Novak, Jack Norlin, Bill Macko, and Milt Fromson, juniors: Tony Trentanelli, Fritz Bowers, and Joe Szekely. Chuck Wise became the first Shaker sophomore to be awarded a letter in Lake Erie League competition.

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U. S. Tankers Win Swim Title

Parsons and Sands Place for Shaker

Shaker's mermen had to be content with a poor sixth place as the University School tankers walked away with the Greater Cleveland swimming title on Thursday and Friday, December 11, and 12. The second annual meet was held at the Cleveland Club pool.

The U. S. boys, working for the first year under Coach Ray Zohn, rolled up a total of 42 points. The Hilltoppers of Heights, last year's champs, tallied 28 markers; Shaw 27; and Lakewood 26. East Tech splashed out 23 points while the Red Raiders scored 10 points. Chuck Parsons, Coach Ernie Grosser's biggest hope, finished third and fourth in the 100 and 200 yard free styles respectively. Allan Sands, the only other Shaker entrant in the finals, took a third in the 100 yard breast stroke.

Bob Shakespeare, the Lakewood star, was the only double winner of the meet. He took the 100 yard free style event and tied the meet record of 25.5 seconds in the 50 yard free style set by Shaker's Bill Porter last year.

New records established at this meet were in the 100 yard breast stroke by Jack Sharer, Heights in 1 minute 9.5 seconds which betters the old mark of 1 minute 9.8 seconds. The diving was won by Seymour Rosen of Heights with 82 points, 5 points better than the previous record. The 150 yard medley relay was won by U. S. (Biggar, Comey, Mogg) in 1 minute 31.6 seconds, beating the old mark of 1 minute 31.8 seconds. U. S. also won the 200 yard medley relay in 1 minute 45.9 seconds.

Shaker Cagers Drop League Opener, 43-17

A powerful Lorain team held the Shaker quintet to 17 points as the Red Raiders lost their first Lake Erie basketball game of the season, 43 to 17, at Lorain. Although they trailed by only 7 points at the half-time intermission, Shaker fell apart in the second half and saw the game changed from a close contest to a rout.

The Steelmen dented the mesh for 24 points in the second half, while Shaker was held to 5 points by Lorain's tight zone defense. Lorain had a great height advantage and made use of this by capturing most of the rebounds off the backboard.

Although Lorain did most of the scoring, a Shaker boy provided the crowd with its biggest thrill when Don Kranz, Raider center, took the ball and dribbled toward his own basket. Despite the yelling of Bill Lister and his other teammates, Don took a shot and, just as luck would have it, he missed the basket.

Raiders Lose Close Game

Shaker's basketeers lost their third consecutive game last week when they were defeated by a highly touted Berea team, 44 to 30. The Bereans were paced by Don Mohr and Tom Phillips, All-Ohio football star, while Don Kranz starred for the Shaker five.

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Jose Iturbi, Famed Pianist, Tutors Humel

Miss Dorothy Humel, a graduate of Shaker High in 1938, has disclosed that she has been tutored for over two years by Jose Iturbi, famed Spanish born pianist and musical director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Immediately following her graduation, Miss Humel studied music in Toronto, Canada, for eight months. There she was signed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, and went to Hollywood on contract.

While in Hollywood, Miss Humel pursued her musical studies. She met many celebrities and, when questioned, said, "I liked Hollywood very much, and I hope to go back there again soon, after my ambition of becoming a concert pianist is fulfilled."

James Dyas, "40", well known to Shakerites, has one of the leads in the University Playshop production of "The Eldest" at Ohio University.

Carl Huntley, "41", has a part in a play given by the Eldred Players of Western Reserve University, titled "Green Grow the Lilacs."

Dr. Busch Delivers Graduation Address

Seventy-one 12A's, five students who completed their courses in summer school, and the two 12B's who have the necessary credits will hear Dr. Henry Miller Busch deliver the commencement address at the graduation on Wednesday, January 28, at 8 p. m. 13 of the 84 students in the January class are deferring their graduation until June.

Sociology Classes Visit Prison Farm

Mrs. Ruth Sacha's sociology classes visited Warrensville Prison Farm at Warrensville, Ohio, on Thursday, December 11. Approximately sixty-five students made the trip which constituted an important phase of their study of prevailing social and penal conditions.

At the prison farm Mr. Joseph A. Kader, the assistant superviser, explained how the activities of the institution are conducted. The pupils also were taken through the Women's Detention Home where their tour was guided by Mrs. Addie Butt, the assistant matron.

Warrensville Farm was chosen by the sociology department as the civic institution to be investigated by the classes this year.

Library Group Reorganized For 1941-42

Beginning their second active year, the Literary Advisory Council, under the direction of Miss Jean Anderson, held their first meeting last Wednesday in the library office.

Organized last term by Miss Anderson, the council's charter members were students who were interested in reading and appraising new books. The council took trips to printing companies, bookshops, and book binderies. In their meetings, they discussed and evaluated the new books which they had read, and at the end of the semester they made a list of the books which they thought would make valuable additions to the library.

There are eighteen members of the club this year. The program will include many of the same things as last year. Members will hand in a list of books which they would like to have the library purchase, with the reasons for their choices. The club meets every Wednesday during part of first period, homeroom period, and part of second period.

Members of the club are free to use the library office during their study halls or free periods for reading the new books sent to the library on approval. They may also take the books from the office overnight.

Shaker Food Classes See Lakeside Hospital

Miss A. Theresa Johnston's two foods and nutrition classes discovered during their trip to Lakeside Hospital on December 9, that this hospital prepares enough food every day to feed more than five times the number of people who eat in our cafeteria.

When the classes arrived at the hospital, they were taken to the hospital Sandwich Shop where they heard a lecture by the two head dieticians, Mrs. Henrietta Glenn and Miss Dorothy Proud. In the lecture the dieticians explained different diets and the way food is handled from the time it reaches the hospital until it is served to the patient.

After the lecture the girls were divided into two groups and with one of the dieticians at the head of each group they were taken on a tour of the various hospital kitchens.

School Delivers 50 Xmas Baskets

This year Shaker has provided Christmas baskets for over fifty needy families of greater Cleveland. There are in these families from two to sixteen persons, and thus about four hundred people will be taken care of by the donations of the student body.

Since the beginning of the country's armament program, many men have been newly employed in factories and plants; but there still are a great many unemployed who need help. The cost of living, too, has increased eighteen per cent since the start of the emergency. The student body has in this way done its part in upholding the morale of those less fortunate.

Booklets Explain Current Problems

Through a series of booklets entitled "Unit Studies in American Problems" social studies classes have been provided with source material for "realistic investigation of current, unsolved problems of our society." Five of these have been published to date by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which governs the activities of member schools and colleges.

Principal R. B. Patin is a member of the committee which is in charge of this work. The latest effort concerns "The Defense of the Western Hemisphere" which was released last month. Others include, "Civil Service," "Taxes," "Democracy," and "Housing."

The booklets are available in the library and in the social studies classes. They were written by teachers under the direction of the committee on which Mr. Patin is active.

War Crisis Finds Alumni in Service

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Bill Farmer, George Flora, Corp. Jack Garvin, Edward Hamilton, Robert Henshillwood, Corp. William Hewett, John Kojan (now serving in England), Clarence Malinak, Sgt. Alvin McNelly, Lt. Jay Newton, Joseph Nutt, Jr., John Patterson, Lt. Charles Richardson, M.D., Lt. Paul Reinhardt, Capt. Paul Roesch, Clifford Rutter, Warren Strong, Robert Tritton, William Walker, Capt. William Weaver, and William Winship.

In the navy are: Major George W. Gentle, Ensign David Jackson, and Lt. Robert W. Jackson.

In the air forces, both army and navy: Bob Crawford, Jack Bently, Donald O'Brien, Warner Alman, William Collins, Lawrence Kubach, Herbert Rodig, Bob Sundberg, Keith Benson, Richard Horn, Jack Wiles, Lt. Edmond Hoffman, Donald Bowen, Bruce Sullivan, and Douglas Bishop.

Lt. E. M. Thomas, Jr., Fred Richmond, Austin Moorehead, Harold Rosen, and Alan Dill are in the marines, with Ensign Robert Brodie, Jim Luse, and John Speaker in the coast guard.

Assemblies Observe Bill of Rights Day

The social studies classes helped celebrate Monday, December 15th as Bill of Rights Day, by holding assemblies throughout the day.

The two Warner Bros. movies "Our Constitution" and "Bill of Rights" were shown, followed by a discussion of what the Bill of Rights means to us, especially in this day of chaos.

John Shaker Pulls Curtain on '41

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has his shoes built up two inches and romances with Babs Brett in the "Pirates" with Roland Strasshofer also very, very good. John Shaker elects Ed Lewis, Bob Mapes, Bill Anderson, Bill Cowan class prexies.

John Shaker keeps abreast of the times—defense short courses. Good news . . . Marotta makes all-LEL backfield. But it's basketball now. Gimpy Fromson captains the cagers; they lost three straight . . . but go, you Shaker!

John Shaker sees his wrestlers and fencers resume their winning ways. He learns about college in the P. T. A. panel . . . buys his *Gristmill* . . . sees the Band go "popular" and says his favorite mag is *Life*.

December! We're in the war now. Progressive education keeps John Shaker ahead of the news. Perhaps he'll enlist, but no matter what, John Shaker will do his part.

And so John Shaker pulls the curtain on the old year . . . he prepares for the worst, hopes for the best. Yes, he's ready for a crack at 1942. Ready? Curtain going up!

Travel Club Elects Brunner President

"Each member of the Travel Club will be given a chance to do his or her own bit to make this the club's most successful year." Such were the words of the newly-elected Travel Club president, Neal Brunner.

Those who will assist Neal are Marjorie Estes, vice-president; Bob Good, senior treasurer; Mary Young, junior treasurer; Elaine Krasnoff, sophomore treasurer.

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